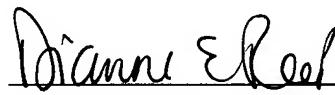


REMARKS

With this amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10, 14, 17-20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29, 33-35, and 38 have been amended, and new claims 39-43 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-44 are now pending. The amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter, and the majority of the amendments have been made for the sole purpose of clarification. The new claims are supported as follows: claim 39, in paragraphs [0026], [0027], and [0088], and in the description of the figures; claims 40-42, in paragraphs [0054] and [0077]-[0080]; and claim 43, in paragraph [0088]. The correspondence of the now-pending claims to those of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/735,709 remains identical to that set forth in the "Communication Regarding a Potential Interference..." filed with this patent application. Note that the aforementioned patent application issued on July 22, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,596,239.

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